(e) The Programmes/Schemes of the Ministry to promote the SSI Sector are common throughout the country including Bihar, and are implemented through organizations like Small Industries Development Organization, National Small Industries Corporation and Small Industries Development Bank of India. These include Schemes for Technology Upgradation, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the educated unemployed youth, Rural Employment Generation Programme and development of rural clusters through the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation.

Social work undertaken in Chitrakoot, U.P.

*114. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether social work and programmes undertaken in Chitrakoot (U.P.) were praised by the Home Minister during his recent visit to that place;

(b) whether Prime Minister would consider sending a team of high bureaucrats and specialists on health, education and unemployment from different Ministries in order to study the problems and achievements by interactions;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) It is true that the Home Minister had visited Chitrakoot and after viewing the programmes being undertaken at Chitrakoot, the Home Minister did comment on the good work being undertaken there.

(b) Planning Commission will be sending the requisite team

to study the programmes, and examine the extent to which they can be replicated elsewhere.

(c) Within two months.

(d) Does not arise.

National Policy on Cattle Wealth

*115. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to frame a national policy on cattle wealth of the country;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to place such a policy before the House;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the cattle wealth of the country is decreasing every year; and

(e) if so, State-wise figures for the last three years from 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Formulation of a National Livestock Policy is being contemplated.

(b) It is not possible to lay down any specific time limit by which the National Livestock Policy is finally adopted.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Quinquennial livestock census do not show any decline in the number of cattle in the country.

(e) Annual cattle censuses are not conducted.